

Connecticut Maple Syrup Is the Best Tasting You'll Find Anywhere

It won't be long when plumes of steam and smoke will rise from evaporators in hundreds of sugarhouses all across Connecticut. This annual rite of spring is eagerly looked forward to by local sugarmakers and their many loyal customers.

The traditional maple sugaring season in Connecticut extends from early February until late March, depending greatly on the weather. Freezing nights and warm, sunny days are necessary to provide good sap yields.

Maple producers, including the ones listed in this brochure, welcome individuals and parents with children during the sugaring season. You may watch the whole process of how sap is gathered and boiled, and smell the hot steam rising off the evaporator.

Be sure to call the sugarhouse ahead of time to see if sap is being boiled into syrup and sold. Besides selling syrup during the sugaring season, this and other maple products may be purchased at many sugarhouses throughout the year.

The Maple Syrup Producers Association of Connecticut, Inc. holds informational meetings in January and November, and publishes a newsletter called "Drop in the Bucket." For more information contact: Chuck Drake, 28 Marshall Street, Windsor, CT 06095 Tel: 860-688-1718.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

McLAUGHLIN VINEYARDS

McLaughlin Family Albert's Hill Rd., Sandy Hook, CT 06482 203-426-1533

web site: www.mclaughlinvineyards.com

Maple syrup activities and demonstrations in February and March during the week including Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift shop open daily, with tractor rides on the weekends. Call for complete schedule.

STAMFORD MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER

39 Scofieldtown Rd., Stamford, CT 06903

203-322-1646

Stamford Museum sugaring season runs February through March 18. Classes are open to school groups during the week. Public drop-ins are welcome. Special event day is Sunday, March 6, 2005, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Historic and modern methods of sugaring will be exhibited and demonstrated. Call for more information.

WARRUP'S FARM

Bill Hill

John Read Rd., West Redding, CT 06896 203-938-9403

Visit the log cabin sugarhouse for syrup making demonstrations the first 3 weekends in March, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Syrup and maple sugar candy available for sale. Visit the barnyard animals. School groups scheduled Tuesday-Friday. Organic farm produce, pumpkins, and flowers available in season.

HARTFORD COUNTY

ARLOW'S SUGAR SHACK

Arlow and Doris Case 101 Bushy Hill Rd., Granby, CT 06036 860-653-3270

Pure Maple Syrup sold in all size containers. Visitors welcome. Sap buckets and tanks for sale, also firewood.

LAMOTHE'S SUGAR HOUSE

The Lamothe Family 89 Stone Rd., Burlington, CT 06013 860-675-5043

e-mail: lamothes.sugar.house@snet.net web site: www.lamothesugarhouse.com

Maple Syrup, Maple Candy, Maple Cream, Maple Taffy, Granulated Maple Sugar, Maple Sugar & Spice, Savory Maple Sugar & Spice, Maple Coated Nuts and assorted maple gifts. Maple Syrup Equipment, Golden Retriever pups and rabbits. Open year round: Monday-Thursday 10-6 p.m., Friday-Saturday 10-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. See

maple syrup being made on Saturday and Sundays 1-5 p.m. from mid February to the end of March. Mail order. Master Card and Visa accepted.

LEONARD'S SUGARHOUSE

Raymond Leonard, Jr. P.O. Box 316, 555 Cherry Brook Rd., North Canton, CT 06059 860-693-8514

Maple syrup year round. Sugarhouse opens (Feb.-April call for boiling times). Sugarhouse tours.

NORTHWEST PARK SUGARHOUSE

145 Lang Rd., Windsor, CT 06095 860-285-1886

Maple Syrup. The Sugarhouse, accessible to handicapped, provides weekday group programs and weekend open house activities during February and March. Please call for program schedule or visit our web site www.northwestpark.org.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY

BROOKSIDE FARM II

Kay Carroll and Mark Harran 79 East Chestnut Hill Rd., Litchfield, CT 06759 860-567-3805 or 860-567-3890 Open for visits mid-February through March. Maple syrup sold year round. Please call ahead.

BROTHERS AND SONS SUGARHOUSE

The Schoonmaker Family Farm Location: 998 Saw Mill Hill Rd., Torrington, CT 06790 860-489-2719

Mailing Addr: 998 Saw Mill Hill Rd., Winsted, CT 06098 Maple Syrup in all sizes, maple products, maple gift tins and gift baskets. We ship. Open year-round. Watch syrup being made during February and March. Free informational tours. Sugarhouse is accessible to the handicapped. Groups welcome. Please phone ahead.

COOLWATER SUGRHOUSE

Great Mountain Forest, Windrow Rd., Norfolk, CT 06058 860-542-5422

Sugarhouse open in season. Please call ahead. Maple Syrup sales all year.

DUTTON'S SUGARHOUSE

The Dutton Family 28 Sunny Ridge Rd., Washington, CT 06793 860-868-0345

Visitors may watch sap collection and syrup being made during February and March. Groups always welcome. Please call ahead.

GREAT BROOK SUGARHOUSE

Mark Mankin

140 Park Lane, Route 202, New Milford, CT 06776 860-354-0047

Mailing Address: 50 East Street, New Milford, CT 06776 Operated by The Youth Agency, the Sugarhouse is open to the public and syrup is sold year round. Educational tours of the sugaring operation are available. Call for info and availability. Open house weekends, which include displays of early sugaring techniques, are held during March. Please call ahead for dates and time.

LAURELBROOK FARM

Robert and Peter Jacquier 390 Norfolk Rd. & Route 44, East Canaan, 06024 860-824-7529 Maple Syrup. Open all year. Please phone ahead.

KASULAITIS FARM AND SUGARHOUSE

Ray Kasulaitis and Diane Janes 69 Goose Green Rd., Barkhamsted, CT 06063 860-379-8787

Maple Syrup and Maple Products. Open 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sunday. See syrup being made in mid-February to the end of March. Please phone ahead. Maple syrup sold year-round.

LAND OF NOD VINEYARD & WINERY

Daniel Adam 99 Lower Rd., East Canaan, CT 06024 860-824-0712

Maple syrup and maple sugar products. Visitors welcome at sugarhouse for demonstration. Also wine tasting, homemade jellies and jams, gift items. Please call ahead for tours and hours of operation.

THREE POND MEADOW FARM

Bill and Pat Gerner 240 Ramstein Rd., New Hartford, CT 06057

240 Ramstein Rd., New Hartford, CT 0605 860-482-3628

e-mail: KLG1@aol.com

Making syrup from February through March. Please call for viewing time. Syrup available year round at the farm or via e-mail.

WOODBURY SUGARSHED

Lou and Carol Berecz & Sons

41 Washington Rd., On Route 47, Woodbury, CT 06798 203-263-4550

Sugarhouse open to the public. Saturdays and Sundays from February 28 through March 28 for maple syrup demonstration hours 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Open daily year round. Please phone ahead.

WEST HILL SUGARHOUSE

John Trumbull, Tim Mandel and Dick Selinga 525 West Hill Rd., New Hartford, CT 06057 860-379-9672

Maple syrup for sale year round. Sugarhouse open during the season. Small groups welcome. Please call ahead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

BLUEFIELD FARMS SUGARHOUSE

Rick and Christopher Blauvelt 6 Strickland St., Portland, CT 06480 860-342-0238

We will be open on an intermittent basis while undergoing renovation. Please call before visiting for more details. Group tours and demonstrations are available. Please call ahead for directions. Maple syrup in all size containers, maple sugar, maple candy and maple vinegar. Hobby sugaring supplies and equipment available.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY

KETTLE TOWN SUGARHOUSE

Aaron Lewis

104 Nelson Rd., Southbury, CT 06488

203-264-9241

Maple syrup for sale. Open on weekends. Please call for availability and tours.

MAPLE GROVE FARM

Buster Scranton

3424 Durham Rd. (Route 77), Guilford, CT 06437 203-457-1304 or 203-457-0168

We are located 2.1 miles North of Rte. 80 in Guilford. We have a wood fired evaporator. Syrup, cream and candy sold during the season (mid Feb.-mid March). Syrup sales year round as supply permits. Please call ahead.

WAYNE'S SUGARHOUSE

Wayne and Dana Juniver

89 Cedar Lake Rd., North Branford, CT 06471 203-488-3549

Visitors welcome on weekends (mid February through March) to see maple syrup being made. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call ahead. Maple syrup for sale year round.

NEW LONDON COUNTY

BUREAU'S SUGARHOUSE

Donald and Patricia Bureau and Boys 60 Rowland Rd., Old Lyme, CT 06371 860-434-5787

Web site: www.maplekettlekorn.com

Maple Syrup, Maple Sugar, Maple Cream, Maple Jelly, Maple Vinegar and Maple Kettle Korn Popcorn. Open all year. Visitors and school groups welcome.

HANNON'S SUGARHOUSE

Paxie Hannon 707 Exeter Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249 860-642-4566

Maple syrup, maple sugar for sale year round. Retail and wholesale in all size containers and maple leaf bottles. Gift baskets available with maple products. Maple syrup season early February to end of March. Visitors welcome. Please call ahead.

OWENECO FARMS SUGAR SHACK

John Drum and Frank Grabber 2067 Exeter Rd. (Route 207), Lebanon, CT 06249 860-642-7364 Maple Syrup. Open mid February through March.

Maple Facts

- The sugar maple and black maple are the most common trees tapped to produce maple syrup. A tree should be from 30 to 40 years old before tapping and more than 10 inches in diameter.
- As a rule of thumb, a tree can give as much as a gallon of sap for each tap it has per day.
- Maple sap is a colorless liquid with a light, sweet taste. Through boiling, the maple taste and amber color are formed. It takes between 30 to 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup.

Maple Grades: A

- Light Amber or Fancy Grade has a mild maple taste and is made early in the season. This is considered best for fine maple candy.
- Medium Amber has a little more maple flavor and is made about mid-season.
- Dark Amber, although slightly darker and with a stronger maple flavor, is fast becoming a favored table syrup.

TOLLAND COUNTY

ANNUAL HEBRON MAPLE FESTIVAL

Held annually the second weekend in March. (March 12 & 13, 2005 and March 11 & 12, 2006) – Self tours to the following Hebron Sugarhouses: Hope Valley, Wenzel, Woody Acres & Winding Brook. See CT Maple Syrup being made. Enjoy Sugar-on Snow; Maple baked goods, Pancake breakfast, plus much more. It is a weekend for family enjoyment. For information call 860-228-9317 or 860-228-0246 or www.hebronmaplefest.com

BRADWAY'S SUGARHOUSE

Donald and Karen Bradway
Bradway Rd., Stafford Springs, CT 06076
860-684-7112 or 860-684-6876
Maple Syrup for sale year round. Please call ahead. Visitors welcome.

HURST FARM SUGAR HOUSE

The Hurst Family 746 East St., Andover, CT 06232 860-646-6536

Come visit our newly constructed post and beam sugarhouse on our 36 acre farm. While at Hurst Farm stroll through our old-fashion Country Store that is stocked full of our own gourmet products. Maple syrup and maple products, local honey, jams and jellies, relishes, herbs and spices. Gift baskets made with all of our products. Sugarhouse opens to the public in season - call for hours. Farm is open year round with something for every season. Store and sugarhouse are handicapped accessible. Please call for schedule of other seasons.

UCONN SUGARHOUSE

University of Connecticut, along Horse Barn Hill, Storrs, CT. Look for signs.

860-486-2840. Please call ahead to find out when we will be boiling.

The UCONN Sugarhouse is owned and operated by the Forestry and Wildlife Club at the College of Agriculture. This is our second year making maple syrup on campus. Please call ahead to see if we will be boiling or look for steam coming out of the vents in the roof. Boiling will be done on weekends throughout February into March. Stop by and see our new operation.

WINDHAM COUNTY

BATS OF BEDLAM MAPLE SYRUP

Bob and Pat Dubos

101 Bedlam Rd., Chaplin, CT 06235

860-455-9200

Email: bob_dubos@charter.net

Making Maple for over 30 years. Available at the sugar house, local health food stores and the UConn Co-op. Visitors welcome. Please phone ahead.

MIK-RAN'S SUGARHOUSE AND SPECIALTY SHOP. LLC

Randall E. King, Sr. & Family 86 Stetson Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234 860-774-7926

Free demonstration in February and March, weekends 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Specialty Shop with our maple products, pure maple syrup, maple candy, maple butter, maple peanut brittle and many more maple products and beautiful gifts. Shop open weekends 10-4 year round.

NORMAN'S SUGARHOUSE

Richard and Avis Norman 387 County Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281 860-974-1235 Fax 860-974-0496 e-mail: r.norman@snet.net

Maple Syrup year round. Wholesale and Retail. Maple Candy and Maple Cream available. Maple Sugaring Equipment and Supplies. Visitors welcome. Please call ahead.

RIVER'S EDGE SUGAR HOUSE

The Proulx Family 326 Mansfield Rd. (Rt 89), Ashford, CT 06278 860-429-1510

e-mail: mapleone@prodigy.net www.riversedgesugarhouse.com

Come visit our family run sugarhouse located in a rustic setting just 1.5 miles south of Rt. 44. We are open year round. Visitors may watch syrup being made during February and March. Groups are welcome. Maple Syrup, Maple Candy, Maple Cream and Maple Jelly are available. Please stop in or call ahead.

SWEET SUE'S SUGAR SHACK

Doug Langer & Family 932 Thompson Rd., Thompson, CT 06277 860-923-9000 Maple Syrup year round. Maple Candy, Maple Cream during the season. Please call ahead.

Visit a Sweet Destination

A most pleasurable experience is visiting a Connecticut sugarhouse and tasting the sweet treats supplied to us courtesy the state woodlands. The maple syrup industry has been around since the colonial days and the process is still to tap Sugar Maple trees, collect the sap and boil it down until the density formed becomes maple syrup.

The maple season can begin in January and run through March. Freezing nights and warmer, sunny days are necessary to provide a good sap yield. As you drive along our scenic country roads, you may see plumes of steam rising from sugarhouses. This is your sign that the sugaring season has arrived and many sugarhouses invite the public to enjoy the season with them and to watch the process.

We invite you to visit a CT Grown sugarhouse, sample the pure maple syrup, maple candy and other items that they have to offer.

For more information, please contact the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Marketing Bureau at 860-713-2503. Their address is 765 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105.

Enjoy the best that Connecticut has to offer!

Bruce H. Gresczyk
Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Agriculture



A 2005
Guide to
Connecticut
Sugarhouses



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